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"We must educate, we must educate."—Beecher.

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A Practical Consideration of the Endowment Question.

A great deal has been said for the past twenty-five years, both in print and in public addresses, regarding the necessity of the endowment of the College. The most of us, however, have shown about as much practical interest in the matter as the fellow who is a great temperance advocate in his talk and yet does not show a sufficient interest to pay his poll tax and register so that he can vote against the saloon at a local option election. There are some striking exceptions to this but they are few. Two years ago one congregation near Bridgewater gave a practical demonstration of what could be done if the matter was taken up by the proper parties and pushed in the proper manner. If all the congregations in the Districts having jurisdiction over the College would subscribe as generously as this one the endowment question would be largely settled for a generation at least and the success of the work would be abundantly assured.

It would be of value to those who propose to take hold of this work to investigate the methods by which other institutions have been liberally endowed. How did these institutions get money for endowment and by whose efforts was it secured? Endowment must be secured, it must be solicited and it must be solicited by the proper party. Dick, Tom and Harry cannot go out and secure money for such purposes. An interest and vitality must be thrown into the solicitation of such funds, such as the haphazard solicitor cannot possibly possess.

This matter should be made a study, both by members of the Trustees and the executive head of the school. The latter should be given every opportunity and encouragement to do so. He should not be burdened with teaching but ample time should be allowed for the practical solution of this very vital question in the life of our institution. It is generally conceded that the most unfortunate condition of the closing administration has been the over-worked condition of the president. All friends of the College should take it in hand to assist in the remedy of this difficulty so that executive head may have the opportunity to enlarge the resources of the school, both in the matters of attendance and endowment funds.

Some Observations on the School Problem.

While we are looking after the equipment of the College in the way of buildings and other material aids to the life and success of the work, we should not forget that material equipment does not by any means insure the ends for which we are working. After all it is the character of the instruction given that makes a college. Every move taken to better the institution should have the ends of efficient educational service clearly in view. We, as a people, are yet extremely young in the field of higher education. There are many things that we yet have to learn before we can hope to have become settled on a definite educational policy. We generally have a more or less vague idea of education and educational ideals and we must consider ourselves yet in the adolescent stage of our educational life. Just as manhood brings conditions and problems of life that are not anticipated by youth, so our Colleges are bringing before us conditions and problems that we did not anticipate when we founded them.

It is the sole aim of the College to be loyal to the people it represents. As an institution of learning it must express this loyalty in efficient educational service. For those who come within its influence it must open up new and larger fields of truth. It must aid in the development of both moral and economic strength, and must add vitality and power to the fundamentals of true living that our fathers have long cherished as essential elements of all real happiness. We should not be surprised that new fields are opened either for religious or economic activity, nor should we stand aghast should some new method of applying an old principle come into vogue. It is the understanding of the institution that it has come into existence for the accomplishment of these very things. Education means growth, development, improvement and better ways of doing things as well as better things to do. These ideals cannot always be accomplished because of many hindrances that come in the way, but we must not cease to work for these ends.

The personal element in an institution's life work is a most important one. Principles and truths cannot be promulgated without men. Men of the highest intellectual and moral type must be secured to render our educational work an effi-

cient agent for our good. Cheap men are often worse than none. It is perfectly right to economize in groceries and other commodities of life, but it is a very dangerous thing to economize in the selection of a teacher for your boy. This is one of the besetting sins of our day. We will pay a man twice the salary to drive the locomotive that hauls our cattle to market that we do to the man to whom we entrust the moral and mental training of our children. We lament over the difficulties of our college and the real difficulty, after all, can be found in the salaries we pay for our teachers. In this commercial age a man will not ordinarily work at one place when he can get twice as much at another. The solution of the educational problem can be found in the teacher and the teacher alone. Secure the money to pay the teacher and he can be had. For a cheap salary you get a cheap teacher and cheaper instruction. The notion that leads us to depend on the teacher's philanthropy to make up for his deficient salary is a most absurd one to which we have resorted to hide our own parsimony. Why should a teacher not have as good a right to a respectable competence as anyone else? Depending on a teacher's philanthropy is one of the surest ways I know to secure a cheap, inefficient teacher. Teachers, like every one else, usually take the best job they can get.



President Yount is Succeeded by Dr. John S. Flory.

President Walter B. Yount, who has served as the efficient executive of the College continuously since 1892, has resigned the presidency and the trustees have tendered the office to Dr. John S. Flory, who has accepted the position. President Yount's resignation takes effect at the close of the present session.

Professor Yount's retirement from the active responsibility of the duties as president of the College did not come as a surprise to those intimate with him. He has for a number of years been insisting that he be permitted to turn the work over to other hands. It is generally known that his physical condition for a number of years has not been satisfactory. He has suffered numerous attacks of rheumatism.

For eighteen years president Yount has directed the affairs of the College. The affairs of few institutions are administered by a single man during so long a period of time. He came to the presidency when the school was laboring under trying difficulties of such a nature that it seemed there was little hope. Only a man of President Yount's type and makeup could have been expected to succeed. He in fact succeeded remarkably, for in a few years he developed the institution to a respectable position among the colleges of

the state. He was most loyal to its every interest and was ever ready to sacrifice his own pleasure for the good of the work. He has indeed performed a unique service for the institution and he will ever be remembered as one of her greatest benefactors, and should the College grow to unlimited greatness it cannot outgrow the influence that Professor Yount has had on its existence.

Dr. Flory, who has been named as President Yount's successor has been a member of the faculty since 1894. He is too well known by all the friends of the institution to need any special comment here. He is thoroly familiar with the College and its constituency. He is an educator of recognized ability and strength, and a man of unimpeachable motives in every way. He is a gentleman and a scholar and thoroly knows what an education is and is perfectly familiar with the standards of modern educational thought. He can be depended upon to give the patrons of the college the best provided he is given the material means to do it with. We think he is a worthy successor of the retiring President and entirely capable of continuing the work that has thus far been so ably developed. Dr. Flory is not a novice in his new position. During President Yount's absence for a year in the Orient he acted as the executive of the College.

Dr. Flory is a man to whom we can look with confidence to direct our educational life along the proper lines. What is done under his direction will be done safely, conservatively and at the same time according to established standards of the highest order. We do not think that he will be content to render to the patrons of the school a cheap educational service. He will be satisfied with nothing but the best. To attain his ideals there will be need of great and prolonged coöperation. We have chosen him to lead us in our educational work. We have done so because we considered him the most capable man available, and because we consider he knows how to do it. Let us not forget, therefore, that the obligation rests upon us to coöperate for the success of this work as assistants and remembering that only one after all can lead.

It is greatly to be regretted that the financial condition of the College is such an impediment to its success. There is no man living that can develop an effective institution of learning without adequate endowment. We do not yet appreciate this point. We consider dormitories more important than endowment, or in other words we consider the character of building the students live in more important than the character of the educational work of the College. In the past we have been ever ready to turn endowment money into buildings, the need of which seem to be press-

ing. We must learn that some of the largest institutions in America have not a single dormitory and turn all their funds into increasing the educational efficiency of the school while the students find homes in private dwellings. A college can do without dormitories infinitely better than without endowment. It is to be hoped that among the first acts of the new President he will announce some plan by means of which he will secure an endowment fund for the College that will both insure the first class efficiency of the work and its permanency. The financing of an institution of learning is one of the most difficult tasks of the modern college president.

JUSTUS H. CLINE.



Bible School.

BIG MEN IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES.

The forces of society seem to have the function of shaking little men to the bottom, and shoving big ones to the top, this however is not to be arbitrarily taken. Little ones go to the bottom because of their unfitness, and the big ones to the top because they commit themselves to those forces of life that make big men. The former possess natural capacity but fail to adjust themselves healthfully to their environment, while the latter possibly enjoying better natural soil, adjust themselves healthfully to their environment, thus insuring great returns in personal power and social well being.

Considering the age in which they lived, the Old Testament has preserved a few names that stand second to none in human history. It would inspire any one's life to become acquainted with these noble sages, visit them in their homes, talk with them about the things of life, and see them cause princes, nobles, kings, and people to bow prostrate at their feet. All this, not because they possessed any special magnetism, but they were men, and men of God, and understood the issues of life. Being right with the Eternal Father suggests at once the key to the treasures that produce bigness. That kind which keeps one's name perennially fresh in history, when all things else go the way of the eternal silences.

Make a visit if you please to the home of Abram and wife, Sarai. Note the simplicity of their tent and equipment, the order and industry of their servants both old and young. Don't fail to see the high ideals of his life, as well as the tribe which he moved softly through new and hostile lands. Above all see the place where he stirred the altar fires, and with priestly reverence mediated between God and man; failing not to impress his auditors of his sweet fellowship with Jehovah, and to such tenderness he would have

all to come. By the time you are pressed to retire from this unique experience you will have three distinct impressions. Viz: A man of God, a man, and a man who has right ideas of life.

Again it would be interesting to follow the foot-prints of Moses as they were made one by one in the sands of time. First a boy, then a student, a scholar, a man, a Godly man, the wheels of whose head turned according to fundamental principles, a veritable dynamo of jurisprudence and righteousness. Spend forty years with him in the wilderness and your name will be venerated through the ages.

Here is another one who answers to the name of Isaiah. A genius in thought and word, whose poetic flights carried him to heights unseen by mortal eyes, expanses untouched by human ambition. Whose youthful piety and deep insight was sufficient to lead his own nation back into confidence and fellowship with God. The Assyrian world-power hitherto undaunted became as dead men when they encamped about this citadel of faith. It takes big men to bring about so suddenly and mysteriously such religious and political changes. He demonstrated clearly that individual and national supremacy lies in a right connection with the eternal source of power.

I might describe others, but space will not permit. I can only call the roll of names, and don't fail to note what a fine class of men they are. They are not merely venerable looking, but they are actually big. They stood head and shoulders above any one in their day and age. They were big because they were good. Goodness and bigness are synonyms. Besides the ones I have mentioned I will name Aaron, Samuel, David, Elijah, Elisha, Amos, Hosea, Joel, Obadiah, Micah, Jeremiah, Habbakkuk, Ezekiel, Daniel, Nahum, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi. There are many more fine names that appear prominent in Old Testament times, but they come easily into a second class. The individuals I have mentioned stand second to none in the world's history. Men whose thought discovered the secrets of surviving and decaying empires. It is your privilege, dear reader, to pitch your tent in their midst and grow big as God shall give you grace.

T. S. MOHERMAN.



On February 15th, Mr. S. S. McClure, the editor and founder of McClure's Magazine, gave a most delightful lecture in the College Chapel on the making of a great magazine. Mr. McClure's lecture was entirely informal and was one of the most enjoyable and profitable that we have had since the establishment of our lecture courses.

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The Spring Term of the College will begin March 14th.

Mr. Charles D. Cline, of Stuart's Draft, visited the College recently.

Mr. E. M. Hoover, of Timberville, was a welcome visitor on the campus Washington's birthday.

The trophy question has at length been settled for at least a year and the Virginia Lees are happy.

Professor Moherman and Dr. J. S. Flory did some Sunday School Institute work in Ohio during the Christmas vacation.

Just before leaving for Bridgewater Rev. G. W. Flory held a very encouraging meeting on Dry River, a few miles northwest of Bridgewater.

Mr. L. V. Price, who is a student in the Medical Department of the University of Virginia this session, visited Bridgewater during the Christmas vacation.

The societies are busily engaged preparing for the coming contests. The preliminaries will be held shortly. Interesting contests will be held if present indications are worth anything.

Mr. A. B. Miller, who expects to take the B. A. degree in June, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Staunton. He will assume the duties of the pastorate in the early part of the summer.

William Branson, the colored janitor of the College for a number of years, died on January 11th. Uncle William, as he was familiarly known, was one of the most highly respected colored men in the community and was in every way an exemplary citizen. He was honorable and thrifty and owned a very comfortable home in Berlinton at the time of his death. He was faithful to his duties and he will be missed about the College. His funeral was largely attended by both white and colored.

Rev. G. W. Flory preached a very acceptable sermon in the Chapel the night before his departure. We regret very much to have him and his good wife leave us. We are hopeful that he may shortly return to his native State.

Dr. John S. Flory, the Editor of College Life, has been suffering for sometime with a protracted attack of the grippe and consequently the larger part of the burden of getting out this issue has devolved on the Assistant Editor. Do not, therefore, place the blame of its inferior quality on the Editor. We are glad to announce that he is better at this writing.

Messrs A. B. Miller and P. H. Bowman attended the Rochester Convention of the Students' Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions during the Christmas vacation as delegates from the College and congregation. Two evenings were taken to hear their reports of the doings of the great convention. Their trip and reports have had a commendable result in a renewed missionary interest among the students.

Mr. Charles Kagey, who has been ill for many months suffering with progressive paralysis, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Sallie Holsinger, on Feb. 8. Mr. Kagey was a bachelor and had made his home with his sister for many years. Mr. Kagey was a man of genial disposition and well liked by all who knew him. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, the Rev. Richardson, of the Methodist Church, and interment was made in the Brethren cemetery.

Jacob Tome Institute, a preparatory school for boys and girls at Port Deposit, Md., has an endowment fund of \$2,000,000 and grounds and buildings worth \$800,000. This institution goes no higher than the high school or academy work. Take your pencil and compute the combined valuation of properties and endowments of all the Brethren Colleges and compare the sum with the wealth of this one preparatory school. You will find that we are trying to run eight colleges, two preparatory schools in addition to the preparatory departments of our colleges, and two Biblical Institutions on less than one third the capital of this single preparatory school; and the strangest thing of all is that we continue to establish new schools and convert them into colleges. Can we expect to sustain any measure of educational efficiency by continuing in this manner? Some of our schools should be consolidated and our energies and wealth concentrated on half the number, or less, than we now have. We are burdened with the number of our schools and there is sure to be either a deliberate or forced thinning out in the course of time unless we experience a sudden phenomenal growth.

Our Banquet.

They tell us that among the barbarous tribes of the Orient it is customary to bind friendly bargains with a repast or banquet of some sort and this seems to be a popular method of expressing friendly feelings even among the more enlightened. At least our students think that this is a good method, for on Friday evening, February 18, a banquet was given in the Dining Hall under the auspices of the boarding students as a token of respect to Rev. Geo. W. Flory and family, who were leaving the following Monday for Rev. Flory's pastorate at Covington, Ohio. Among the invited guests were Pres. Yount and family, Prof. McCann and family, Prof. and Mrs. Cline, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bowman and the guests of honor. Dr. Flory was unable to be present on account of a serious attack of la grippe, for which we were very sorry. The *menu* was simple, yet wholesome, however the oysters were a treat to regular boarders.

After the meal Prof. Roller, as toastmaster, called on President Yount, who responded by recalling many pleasant tales of Mr. and Mrs. Flory's youthful days when they were students here, mischievous and at times unpromising. Prof. Cline spoke next. He, too, recalled former days, especially those of twenty-two years ago, when he and Mr. Flory were fellow-students. As he said, "Being a boy with George, hence a partner of many of his boyish tricks, nobody feels the loss of *our George* more than I do." Mr. A. B. Miller represented the student body and succumbing to the inevitable, he, too, spoke of by-gone days. He said, "Tho' he is now a preacher, an orator, a pastor, I can think of him only as *one of the fellows*, and of Mrs. Flory only as *Abbie*." Mr. and Mrs. Flory then addressed the students and in an earnest manner expressed their gratitude to the students for remembering them so kindly just before their departure to a strange country. Tho' mirth and cheerfulness were general, yet an invisible sense of sadness seemed to tame the jubilation, and at times both friends and students lapsed into spells of deep meditation.

Withal, the banquet was a success in that it fulfilled its mission and recalled a "last supper" of remoter date, and we hope that this remembrance will cling to us as we journey onward to our destination. In spite of the loss sustained by George and Abbie's departure, we feel joyous because they assured us that they shall always retain a "warm spot" in their hearts for Bridgewater College, her students and teachers.



President Yount attended and addressed the recent educational conference in Richmond.

Music Department.

The Winter Term brought in quite an increase of students in the Music Department. Both vocal and instrumental departments are enjoying a number of earnest students who are doing excellent work.

The Male Quartet visited Staunton in December, singing in the evangelistic services conducted by Rev. George Flory. Quite a number of good things were said about their work, which resulted in much good. This quartet consists of Profs. W. Z. Fletcher and C. W. Roller and Messrs. J. E. Roller and W. S. Myers. They expect to give concerts in Broadway and Timberville March 18 and 19. Misses Myers, Gochenour and Senger will assist them in their programs.

The Choral Union is preparing "Jehovah" by German to be given sometime in the spring. They have also begun work on "The Daughter of Jairus" by Stainer, which will be given at Commencement.

The Men's Glee Club is preparing a program to be given in the near future. This promises to be one of the best of their usually good concerts.

The Spring Term promises to be a busy one for the faculty of this department. Several have informed us of their intention of entering school for music, while a number of the present students are expecting to do some special work in voice, etc.

The department has the reputation of being the best in the Shenandoah Valley, and one of the best in the State. The faculty are doing all in their power to maintain their reputation by raising the standards and giving only the best.

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The Educational Board.

In keeping with the policy of the General Educational Board of the Church of the Brethren a committee of this Board visited the College during the Bible Term. The Committee was composed of Elders J. C. Bright and A. G. Crosswhite, together with President Yount, who is also a member of the Board. It is the intention that the Board shall co-operate with the various colleges in the advance of the cause of education. The ideals and efforts of this board will probably have much to do in determining the future outlook of our educational work.



Mr. C. C. Ausherman of Frederick, Md., has been honored by being elected to the Maryland legislature. Mr. Ausherman graduated in the Commercial Course of the College in 1888. We congratulate him on his success.

The New Gentlemen's Dormitory.

It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that in all probability by the time this issue reaches the reader the contract for the erection of the proposed dormitory will have been let.

The building will be a dormitory for the gentlemen students of the College and will be of brick. The basement story will contain several laboratories for the scientific departments of the institution. The rest of the building will be given over to rooms for the students. The building will contain all modern conveniences commonly to be found in such structures.

It will be located, approximately, on the site of Wardo Hall, which will be torn down and removed. The architect is now at work on the plans and specifications which are expected to be completed at any time.

This additional building will materially increase the opportunities of the College. The new laboratories will be most important additions and should greatly add to the scientific work of the school.



The Laymen's Missionary Movement.

During the Bible Term the idea was conceived to start a movement among the laymen of the Church of the Brethren to be known as the Laymen's Missionary Movement. The purpose of this movement is to secure the active interest and support of the laymen in the varied forms of mission work. This has probably been prompted by an apparent decline in missionary interest in the last year or two. There seems to be a too strong disposition to load the burden of missionary work unduly on the shoulders of the ministry. The ladies have long since been developing a kindred work in the ladies' aid societies of the various congregations and they have been putting forth the most commendable efforts with telling effect. There is good reason why the laymen should have a brother organization to stimulate missionary activity among them. The movement seems to be well under way in the Bridgewater Congregation. It is to be hoped that many others will follow.



The Virginia Lee Society has recently papered and decorated its hall in a very tasty manner. This has been accomplished in the face of somewhat serious difficulties. The first paper secured for the hall was improperly hung and as a consequence it almost immediately fell off. Not daunted by this misfortune the members of the society made a second attempt, new paper was secured and the work of putting it on was ultimately a success. The society now has as nice a hall as one would desire to see.

A Great Institution.

The Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute at Troy, N. Y., which is the oldest school of engineering to be established in any English speaking country, has completed a new laboratory for the departments of Mechanical and Electrical Engineering at a cost of \$415,000. This building was erected with part of the million dollars given by Mrs. Russell Sage. It is the fourth new building erected by the Institute within the last four years.

Many new machines have been installed in the laboratories for the tests of the strength of materials, one of these having a capacity of one million, two hundred thousand pounds.

The new club house and the athletic field, which contains a baseball diamond, foot-ball field, tennis courts and running track, are situated on the campus adjacent to the buildings and are therefore easy of access for students wishing to use them.

The Institute gives courses in Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and General Science, leading to the degrees, Civil Engineer (C. E.), Mechanical Engineer (M. E.), Electrical Engineer (E. E.), and Bachelor of Science (B. S.). During the past four years the number of students at the school has increased from 225 to 670.

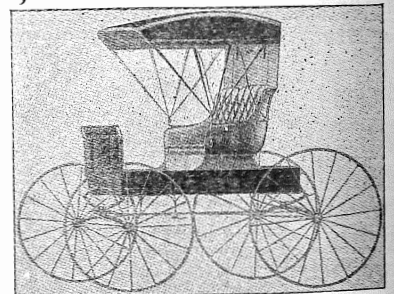
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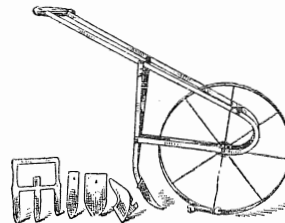
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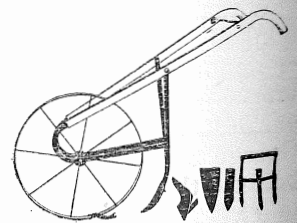
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